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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits State Board of Education from requiring completion of performance-based assessment as condition of eligibility for certificate of eligibility with advanced standing or certificate of eligibility.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Budget Committee on June 27, 2022, with amendments.

1 AN ACT concerning performance-based assessments for teacher
2 candidates and supplementing chapter 26 of Title 18A of the
3 New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
9 contrary, the State Board of Education shall not require a candidate
10 for a certificate of eligibility with advanced standing or a certificate
11 of eligibility to complete a Commissioner of Education approved
12 performance-based assessment, including, but not limited to, the
13 edTPA, as a condition of eligibility for a certificate of eligibility
14 with advanced standing ¹**[or]** ¹a certificate of eligibility ¹, or a
15 standard certificate¹. An educator preparation program may require
16 candidates to complete a performance-based assessment approved
17 by the educator preparation program. The performance-based
18 assessment approved by the educator preparation program shall
19 meet requirements set by the commissioner approved professional
20 education accreditation body of the educator preparation program.

21 b. A certificate of eligibility with advanced standing educator
22 preparation program, or a certificate of eligibility educator
23 preparation program, shall not consider whether a candidate has
24 completed a Commissioner of Education approved performance-
25 based assessment when making a determination as to whether to
26 recommend a candidate for certificate of eligibility with advanced
27 standing certification or certificate of eligibility certification to the
28 Commissioner of Education.

29 c. ¹Notwithstanding any provision of this section or of any law,
30 rule, or regulation to the contrary, a person who earned a certificate
31 of eligibility with advanced standing or a certificate of eligibility
32 during the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school years, and
33 who was unable to complete a Commissioner of Education
34 approved performance-based assessment due to abrupt changes in
35 teaching placements or modalities, asynchronous virtual learning
36 environments, school district policies, or other restrictions or
37 disruptions caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency, shall
38 be exempt from the requirement to complete a performance-based
39 assessment as a condition of earning a standard certificate.

40 d.¹ As used in this section:

41 “Certificate of eligibility” means an instructional certificate with
42 lifetime validity issued by the State Board of Examiners to
43 candidates who meet degree, academic, and applicable test
44 requirements for teacher certification.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ABU committee amendments adopted June 27, 2022.

1 “Certificate of eligibility with advanced standing” means an
2 instructional certificate with lifetime validity issued by the State
3 Board of Examiners to candidates who meet degree, academic, and
4 test requirements for teacher certification and complete an educator
5 preparation program.

6 ¹”Standard certificate” means a permanent instructional
7 certificate issued by the State Board of Examiners to persons who
8 meet all instructional certificate requirements.¹

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10 2. This act shall take effect immediately.